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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim 25 for corresponding claim 25 previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

25. {ONCE AMENDED} A program transmitting receiving system, comprising:

a program supply system comprising:

server-side operation judging means for confirming an operation state of
the program in the user system; and

accounting means for asking a user to pay for the program after confirming
the operation of the program;

a program receiving apparatus comprising:

user-side operation judging means for confirming operation of the program;

and

operation confirmation notification transmitting means for transmitting a
notification of operation confirmation to the server so as to allow the server to confirm an
operation state of the program; and

wherein the program supply system and the program receiving apparatus are
connected to each other via a network.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

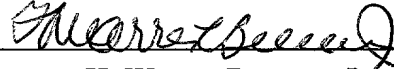
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current
amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes
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25. {ONCE AMENDED} A program transmitting receiving system, comprising:

a program supply system [of claim 22] comprising:

server-side operation judging means for confirming an operation state of

the program in the user system; and

accounting means for asking a user to pay for the program after confirming

the operation of the program; [and the]

a program receiving apparatus [of claim 24 which] comprising:

user-side operation judging means for confirming operation of the program;

and

operation confirmation notification transmitting means for transmitting a

notification of operation confirmation to the server so as to allow the server to confirm an

operation state of the program; and

wherein the program supply system and the program receiving apparatus are

connected to each other via a [the] network.